GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3548
ANSWERED ON:18.08.2005
INFORMATION CENTRES FOR MENTALLY CHALLENGED CHILDREN
Mahato Shri Sunil Kumar;Yadav Shri M. Anjan Kumar

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that there is neither any Government facility nor any information centre for mentally challenged children or to inform the people about proper upbringing of such children;

(b) if so, the reaction of the Government in this regard; and

(c) if not, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a), (b) & (c) The Government has enacted National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and Multiple Disabilities Act, 1999. The National Trust, in addition to its office at Delhi, has 22 State Nodal Agency Centres and 13 Information Centres in 13 States, which provide training and awareness to beneficiaries, parents and siblings. The details of the locations, etc., are given at the website: www.nationaltrust.org.in.

The National Institute for Mentally Handicapped (NIMH), set up in 1984, inter-alia, provides training to rehabilitation professionals and parents. The website of the NIMH is: nimhindia.org.